

THE CLAIMS

The following represents the current status of all the claims in the present application including changes made by this paper:

1 (currently amended): A resealable multi-ply label comprising:

- (a) a base ply having an under side and an upper side and an amount of ~~an~~ a label-attaching adhesive on said under side to attach the label to an object of interest to be labeled;
- (b) an upper ply having an under side and an upper side;
- (c) an amount of a first adhesive in the form of a ~~tack-free~~ a non-pressure sensitive adhesive material that is tack-free in its final state in the label joining the upper side of said base ply and the under side of said upper ply together along a first edge thereby forming a permanent hinge; and
- (d) a release-reseal system comprising a tacky layer of a second adhesive in the form of a tacky, pressure sensitive adhesive material that remains tacky in its final state in the label and a release layer of a release material, substantially aligned, when said system is sealed, with said second adhesive

releasably, resealably joining the upper side of said base ply and the under side of said upper ply along a second edge opposite said hinge such that the plies can be ~~separated~~ opened to said hinge and resealed at said second edge in the manner of a booklet .

2(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 1 wherein said first adhesive material is selected from the group consisting of non-pressure sensitive hot melt adhesives, non-pressure sensitive solvent-based adhesives, non-pressure sensitive water-based adhesives and non-pressure sensitive UV-curable and EB-curable adhesives.

3(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 2 wherein said second adhesive ~~of said release-reseal system~~ is provided as a discontinuous pattern.

4(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 2 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is provided on the upper side of said base ply.

5(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 2 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is provided on the under side of said upper ply.

6(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 1 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is substantially ~~the same size and shape as~~ coextensive with

said tacky layer thereof.

7(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 3 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is provided on the upper side of said base ply.

8(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 3 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is provided on the under side of said upper ply.

9(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 2 wherein the area covered by said release layer of said release-reseal system extends beyond the area of said pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

10(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 3 wherein ~~the area covered by~~ said release layer of said release-reseal system extends beyond ~~the area of~~ said tacky layer.

11(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 9 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is applied to the upper side of said base ply.

12(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 9 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is provided on the under side of said upper ply.

13(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 10 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is

applied to the upper side of said base ply.

14(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 10 wherein said release layer of said release-reseal system is provided on the under side of said upper ply.

15(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 1 wherein said release-reseal system includes pressure sensitive adhesive applied as an intermittent pattern.

16(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 2 wherein said ~~tack-free~~ first adhesive material ~~forming~~ ~~said hinge~~ is UV-curable.

17(previously amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 1 wherein said release-reseal system is applied to edges of the remaining sides of said label.

18(previously amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 2 wherein said release-reseal system is applied to edges of the remaining sides of said label.

19(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 1 further comprising a at least one middle ply having an under side and an upper side disposed between said base ply and said upper ply, the under side of said middle ply being joined to the upper side of said base ply along an edge thereof by said amount of said first adhesive material thereby forming a at least one permanent hinge.

20(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 19 wherein remaining edges of said middle ply are free edges.

21(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label comprising:

- (a) a base ply having an under side and an upper side and an amount of ~~an~~ a label-attaching adhesive on said under side to attach the label to an object of interest to be labeled;
- (b) an upper ply having an under side and an upper side;
- (c) an amount of a first adhesive in the form of a ~~tack-free~~ non-pressure sensitive adhesive material that is tack-free in its final state in the label selected from the group consisting of non-pressure sensitive hot melt adhesives, non-pressure sensitive solvent-based adhesives, non-pressure sensitive water-based adhesives and non-pressure sensitive UV-curable and EB-curable adhesives joining the upper side of said base ply and the under side of said upper ply together along a first edge thereby forming a permanent hinge; and
- (d) a release-reseal system comprising an intermittent pattern of a second adhesive in the form of a tacky, pressure sensitive adhesive material that remains

tacky in its final state in the label and a release layer of a release material aligned, when sealed, with said second adhesive releasably, resealably joining the upper side of said base ply and the under side of said upper ply along a second edge opposite said hinge such that the plies can be released opened to said hinge and resealed at said second edge in the manner of a booklet.

22(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 21 further comprising a at least one middle ply having an under side and an upper side disposed between said base ply and said upper ply, the under side of said middle ply being joined to the upper side of said base ply along an edge thereof by said amount of said first adhesive material thereby forming a at least one permanent hinge.

23(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 22 wherein remaining edges of said middle ply are free edges.

24(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 19 wherein said release-reseal system is applied to edges of remaining sides of said label.

25(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label comprising:

- (a) a base ply having an under side and an upper side and

- an amount of an adhesive on said under side to attach the label to an object of interest to be labeled;
- (b) an upper ply having an under side and an upper side;
- (c) an amount of a first adhesive in the form of a ~~tack-free~~ a non-pressure sensitive adhesive material that is tack-free in its final state in the label joining the upper side of said base ply and the under side of said upper ply together along a first strip thereby forming a permanent hinge therebetween; and
- (d) at least one outer release-reseal margin spaced from said hinge comprising a layer of a second adhesive in the form of a tacky pressure sensitive adhesive material that remains tacky in its final state and a release layer of a release material aligned when sealed with said pressure sensitive adhesive releasably, resealably joining the upper side of said base ply and the under side of said upper ply at at least one outer margin spaced from said hinge such that the plies can be ~~separated and~~ opened to said hinge and resealed at ~~the juncture therebetween~~ said release-reseal margin.

26(original). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 25 including a pair of said release-reseal margins spaced from and

flanking said hinge.

27(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 26 wherein said hinge is at a ~~midpoint~~ point other than an edge of said base ply and said upper ply.

28(currently amended). A resealable multi-ply label as in claim 25 wherein said first adhesive material of said hinge is selected from the group consisting of non-pressure sensitive hot melt adhesives, non-pressure sensitive solvent-based adhesives, non-pressure sensitive water-based adhesives and non-pressure sensitive UV-curable and EB-curable adhesives.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and a transmittal letter in Application No. 10/099,669 entitled "RESEALABLE MULTI-PLY LABEL", filed March 14, 2002, for Joseph D. Franko, Sr. are being sent by facsimile transmission to: Examiner Daniel R. Zirker, Art Unit 1771, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 25 June 2004.



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